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RUOTC/AMEMBASSY LONDON 4161
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RUSBAE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 1168
ZEN/AMVCONSUL PESHAWAR POUCH
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 8629;

J.O. 12005: GDS 08/21/85 (SHERMAN, R) OR-P
TAGS: PEPR PBOR SHUM PIAF
SUBJECT: (C) ZIA NASSERY RETURNS WITH NEW PROJECT

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 7362 (B) ISLAMADYD6545 (C) PREVIOUS
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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AFGHAN-AMERICAN ZIA NASSERY CONTACTED EMBOFF AUGUST 1 BY
TELEPHONE AS HE TRANSITTED ISLAMABAD ON RETURN FROM US. HE
SAID HE SPENT PAST FEW WEEKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON BUT
WAS UNABLE TO MAKE MANY USEFUL CALLS ON HILL DUE TO SUMMER
TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. ZIA EXPLAINED THAT HIS RETURN TO PESHAWAR NOW IS TO INITIATE NEW PROJECT WHICH HE CALLS "PUSHMOON-AMERICAN CLINIC FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES." THE CLINIC, HE SAYS, WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN PESHAWAR CITY INITIALLY BUT EVENTUALLY MOVE TO LOCATION CLOSER TO AFGHAN/PAK FRONTIER.

4. ZIA CLAIMS TO HAVE PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, FUNDS AND PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE CLINIC. HE SHIPPED HIS OWN VOLKSWAGEN VAN FROM NEW YORK TO SERVE AS AMBULANCE FOR PROJECT. HE PLANS TO HIRE LOCAL PAKISTANI DOCTORS TO MAN THE CLINIC UNTIL HE CAN GENERATE MORE SUPPORT AND RECRUIT AMERICAN DOCTORS.

5. WHILE STARTING AS OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, ZIA ENVISIONS THE OPERATION EVENTUALLY GROWING INTO A REGULAR HOSPITAL. HE WAS NONCOMMITAL ABOUT GOP SANCTION FOR THIS PROJECT.

6. COMMENT: ZIA HASSERY TOLD ENSOFF THE CLINIC WILL BE HIS SOLE FOCUS ON THIS VISIT AND THAT HE WILL ONLY "WATCH AND LISTEN" TO DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN AFGHAN DISSIDENT GROUPS WITH WHICH HE HAS HAD PAST CONTACT. HE WILL REPORT CLINIC PROGRESS TO ENSOFF WHEN HE RETURNS TO ISLAMABAD IN A FEW WEEKS.

7. WHILE WE ADMIRE ZIA'S ALTRUISM (WHICH WE FEEL IS SINCERE), WE EXPECT HE WILL RUN INTO MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCKS ERECTED BY GOP DUE BOTH TO BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA AND SENSITIVITIES ABOUT ZIA'S PAST ACTIVITIES.

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